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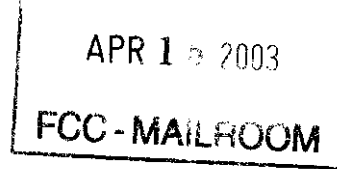
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Fennville Public Schools  
5 Memorial Drive  
Fennville, Mich. 49408  
269-561-7331 ext. 183



Re: Request for Waiver  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Applicant's Form ID 0578  
Form 470 Application Number 557560000395543  
Form 470 Application Number 559670000395477  
Entity Number 131516  
Funding Year 5: 07/01/2002-06/30/2003

Dear Sir:

Please consider this a request for waiver, due to extenuating circumstances beyond our control Form 471 was not filed by the Fennville Public Schools' Jan. 2002 deadline. The former district Technology Coordinator, John Freiburger, was removed from his position during this time. Mr. Freiburger had served as the district coordinator for 5 years previous to this. All details and responsibilities, including filing for necessary monies, fell under his sole supervision. Due to the reasons for his termination, Mr. Freiburger was not allowed onto school properties. He was also prevented from using any school technology or the use of any communication formerly under his jurisdiction.

Upon contact with Mr. Freiburger, by the new technology directors, Mr. Freiburger was not cooperative. As an example of this non-cooperation he even refused to release any information of the whereabouts of materials already gathered, or passwords, etc., needed to file the above documents.

In addition to these chaotic circumstances a new superintendent of schools and a new school board began operation in the Fennville School District. Duties, responsibilities and procedural know-how, were all compromised for months while the district re-organized and re-directed its operations. New technology directors were not appointed until July 1, 2002.

The Fennville School District, it should be noted, is a poor district, which depends upon monies such as the E-Rate to further serve its community's technology needs.

We respectfully request to be allowed to file Form 471 for Funding Year 5.

Sincerely,

Jody Osbon/M. Klosner

Technology Directors, Fennville Public Schools 4/9/03

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Schools & Libraries Division

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**Administrator's Decision on Waiver Request**

March 24, 2003

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Fennville, MI 49408

Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window For Program Year 2002-2003

Entity Number: 131516  
Date Request Received: March 17, 2003

The Schools and Libraries Division received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to consider your request. Therefore, your request for a waiver of the application window deadline may not be considered by SLD. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may submit an appeal, via the United States Postal Service, to the FCC at the following address:

**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554**

If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other than the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org) or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.

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